

Highlands Aug. 2nd 1779

Sir
11/29/4

Colonel Pollard calling here on his way to Boston, I cannot omit so favorable an opportunity to express my Esteem & Friendship, and the Confidence that I have of you.

The Enemy have for some days past been moving down toward York & Highlands. our latest accounts are that they have actually passed Kingsbridge. what manoeuvres they will next make is yet to be developed. Some conjecture that it will be to the Southward, while others are of opinion that it will be Eastward, perhaps their real design are if possible to induce a diversion of our Force from this Important Post. but our Illustrious Commander in Chief is not to be deceived or out Generalled by

Sir Henry Clinton, - It is the opinion
of some that Boston will have a visit
in the course of the Campaign, should that
be the case I dare say you will give a
good account of them. - I shall in such
case, be anxious to be with you - The
spirit of Defection prevails much in the
Enemy's army, six Defectors have been
sent to my Quarters this Day, our army
are in high Health & Spirit, and ^{totally} well
supplied at present. Col. Pollard will
be able to inform you many particulars.
Please to present my most respectful
compliments to your amiable Lady, and
Brother, and regards to all Friends.

I have the honor to be
with great respect & Esteem
Sir
your most Obedt. Servt

W. Heath

Major General Hancock

General Heath,

6 August 1779

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